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Title: INSTANT MESSAGING ACCOUNT SYSTEM

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- Application 24 pages, including 4 independent claims and 8 claims total. 1.
- Drawings 4 sheets of informal drawings containing 4 figures. 2.
- The filing fee is calculated as follows: 3.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$	710.00
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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on International Application No. PCT/SG00/00068, filed May 10, 2000 and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/202,864, filed May 10, 2000.

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Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted, FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

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